

Grande Prairie Regional College

History 2600

Canada 1500 – 1867

Fall 2001

Instructor: Dr. J. Petryshyn

Office: C 412; Phone: 539 – 2006; E – mail: [petryshyn@gprc.ab.ca](mailto:petryshyn@gprc.ab.ca)

This is an introductory survey course which examines the formation of Canada from the earliest times to Confederation(1867). It is hoped that this course will aid students in achieving a truer understanding of how Canada evolved and how particular present day problems have developed.

**Basic required readings:**

Conrad, Finkel , Jaenen, *History of the Canadian Peoples Volume One: Beginnings to 1867*. (Copp Clark, 1998)

Additional assigned readings will be on reserve in the LCR (see lecture topics and schedule).

**Requirements and Grading:**

- i) Mid – term Oct. 23 (20%)
- ii) Essay – Nov. 1 (40%)\*
- iii) Final – Dec. (40%)

- Late papers will be penalized (one stanine grade for each week they are late) unless there is a compelling reason for the tardiness. Late essays will be accepted until the last day of formal classes; however, essays handed in after the due date may not receive the instructor's written comments.
- It is also advisable for students to keep a copy of all essays they submit.

**Lecture Topics and Schedule**

**September:**

6 – Introduction/Geography and Canadian History

Readings: Conrad, Finkel, Jaenen (hereafter referred to as text)  
Introduction, pp. xiii – xix

11 – The First Nations of Canada

Readings: Text – Chapter One (pp.5 – 31)

SEP. 07 2001

13 – Who Came and Why 1000 AD – 1608

Readings: Text – Chapter Two (pp.33 – 53) Optional background reading

18 – New France 1608 – 1663 Part One

20 – New France 1608 – 1663 Part Two

Readings: Text – Chapter Three (pp. 55 – 82)

25 – New France 1663 – 1713

Readings: Text – Chapter Four (pp. 87 – 113)

27 – The Struggle for North America: France vs England 1689 – 1760

Readings: Text – Chapter Five (pp.115 – 141)  
Chapter Six (pp.143 – 165)

## **October**

2 – The Conquest in Canadian history

Readings: LRC Reserve: Fernand Ouellet, "The Legacy of New France Restored to Favour" in Carol Wilton, *Change and Continuity* (pp.102 – 109)  
M. Brunet, "The British Conquest and the Decline of the French – Canadian Bourgeoisie in Wilton (pp. 110 – 116). Also on LRC Reserve,

4 – British North America in the Age of the American Revolution

Readings: Text – Chapter Six pp. 165 – 173  
Chapter Seven (pp.179 – 209)

9 – Thanksgiving Day – No Class.

11 – Film and Discussion: New France and New England

16 – The United Empire Loyalists 1783 - 1791/ Upper Canada: The Simcoe Years

Readings: Text – Chapter Seven (review reading)  
LRC Reserve : J. Petryshyn, "An Imperial Proconsul in a Wilderness Province: John Graves Simcoe in Upper Canada, 1791 – 96"

18 – Upper Canada and Lower Canada, 1791 – 1812

Readings: Text: Chapter Nine pp.243 – 249

23 – Mid – term test

25 – The War of 1812

Readings: Text – Chapter Ten pp. 274 – 278

30 – Film and Discussion: The War of 1812

### November

1 – The Fur Trade Empire, 1783 – 1821 (**essay due**)

Readings: Text – Chapter Eleven (pp. 299 – 327)

6 - Political Unrest and Rebellion in Upper and Lower Canada, 1815 - 1837

Readings: Text – Chapter Ten pp. 278 – 287

LRC Reserve – J. Petryshyn, "The Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1837: Why the Road to Insurrection"

8 – Lord Durham and the Union of the Canadas

13 - The Achievement of Responsible Government

Readings: Text - Chapter Ten pp.287 – 297

LRC Reserve: Carol Wilton, "Responsible Government in Canada West"

15 – Political Developments in the Maritime Colonies

Readings: Text – Chapter Eight (pp.211 – 41).

20 – The Canadian Commercial Revolution 1841 – 1854

Readings: Text – Chapter Nine pp. 250 – 271 (Overview)  
Chapter Thirteen pp.365 – 377

22 – Immigration Before Confederation 1815 – 1860

Readings: Text – Chapter Nine pp. 249 – 271 (Review)  
Chapter Twelve (pp.329 – 357)

27 – Railways and Urbanization/Canadian Politics in the 1850's

Readings: Text – Chapter Ten pp. 289 – 297  
Chapter Thirteen pp. 377 – 393

LRC Reserve: J. Petryshyn "Nineteenth Century Cobourg: A Historical Profile"

LRC Reserve: P. Satterly, "The Cobourg – Peterborough Railway: Destiny Denied"

## December

4 – The Movement Toward Confederation

Readings: Text – Chapter Fourteen (pp. 395 – 417)

LRC Reserve – Brian Young, "George – Etienne Cartier: Montreal Bourgeois"

6 – Recapitulation and Review.